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Subject: Ban Chlorpyrifos, A Dangerous Developmental Poison

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In view of EPA's retraction of its proposal to revoke food residue tolerances of the highly neurotoxic insecticide chlorpyrifos, despite its own assessment that the chemical is too toxic to children, it is especially important that California take action to ban the chemical. Less severe restrictions are not sufficient. California is the home of the largest agriculture industry in the country, and use of this highly neurotoxic chemical affects many people, with a disproportionate impact on low-income African-American and Latino families, including farmworker families.

EPA's assessment is also support for the classification of chlorpyrifos as a developmental toxicant, concluding that there is "sufficient evidence" that there are neurodevelopmental effects at low levels, and that current approaches for evaluating chlorpyrifos's neurological impact are "not sufficiently health protective."

Please classify chlorpyrifos as a developmental toxin and eliminate exposure to us and our children by banning this dangerous pesticide.

Sincerely,

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